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RURAL DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOUROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT - of -


THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1962

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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres....45,679	No. of occupied houses..3,200
Rateable value at 1st April, 1962 £78,648	No. of houses owned by the Council..... 660
Sum represented by a penny rate	Population (mid 1962).. 9,260
.....£316. 0. 11.	
<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Live births: Legitimate	Deaths: All causes
Male.....71	Male 69
Female...65	Female 46
Total...136	Total 115
Illegitimate	Deaths from puerperal causes: Nil
Male.....3	
Female....4	Deaths of infants under one year of age:
Total.....7	Male 1
Total live births	Female 0
Male.....74	Total 1
Female...69	Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age: Nil
Total...143	
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 12.4
Male.....3	
Female....1	
Total.....4	
Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population ..	
.....15.4	



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Causes of Death.

Registrar General's Classification.	1962.		Total
	Male.	Female.	
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	-	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14. Malignant neoplasm, lymphatic and other	8	3	11
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	12	12	24
18. Coronary disease, angina	8	1	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
20. Other heart disease	18	17	35
21. Other circulatory disease	1	1	2
22. Influenza	1	1	2
23. Pneumonia	-	-	-
24. Bronchitis	7	1	8
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	-	3
29. Hyperlasia of the prostate	3	-	3
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2	4
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	-
34. All other accidents	3	-	3
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes	69	46	115

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION.

Normal progress was made in immunisation against diphtheria. 108 children received primary immunisation and 63 children received booster injections.

BCG vaccination has now become an accepted procedure which parents of school-leavers welcome.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were no deaths recorded as due to this disease.

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one of non-pulmonary disease were notified.

The cases known to be living within the district at the close of the year are as follows:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	16	21	37
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	6	5	11
Totals	22	26	48

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Whooping cough	14
Measles	204
Puerperal pyrexia	3
Scarlet fever	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS.

No action was necessary under these Acts during 1962.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY.

Main water supplies from the Leicester Corporation, Market Harborough U.D.C., and the Mid Northants. Water Board remain consistently good.

2967 dwelling houses have an internal supply serving a population of 8990. 183 houses have external standpipes, whilst 138 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 308 to some risk.

Samples of mains water were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The district is served by 19 privies, 120 pail closets and 3677 water closets, the latter discharging into some 21 publicly owned sewage works. In addition there are 238 cesspools.

The Great Easton, Bringhurst - Drayton works were completed and came into operation during the year.

The free cesspool emptying service was continued.

The control of works by systematic analyses of effluents was continued and 57 samples of effluent were examined. The quality of effluents with a few exceptions conforms to requirements.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Husbands Bosworth, Hallaton and Kibworth.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Complaints received during the year135

Premises concerned136

Total visits of inspection4255

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE:

	<u>Inspections</u>
Bakehouses	1
Dairies	4
Drainage Works	1214
Dwelling houses	1943
Food premises	21
Rodent control	152
Refuse collection and disposal..	92
Schools	6
Shops	309
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection...	181
Caravans	66
Verminous premises	Nil
Water supplies	30
Work places	34
Other inspections	71
Smoke control	12

NOTICES SERVED DURING YEAR:

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1962	14	Nil
Issued during year	40	32
Complied with during year	44	31
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st Dec., 1962	10	1

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. 41 infestations were dealt with.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

No cases of infestation were reported.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1951.

No further Licences were issued.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951, and
RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

No defects were found during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	69
Other premises.....	20
Inspections made.. ..	244
Contraventions found... ..	1
Number of outworkers... ..	69

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

Premises inspected	.....	115
Visits made for this purpose	.....	330
Informal Notices served	.....	11
Informal Notices complied with.....	.....	10
Informal Notices outstanding on 31st December, 1962...	.....	1

ICE CREAM.

40 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The pre-packed variety is the only product sold. No sampling was carried out.

MILK: DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS.

Distributors.

Number on Register	.....	15
Inspections made	.....	4

MILK SAMPLING.

Routine samples of milk were taken by the County Health Inspector, and were satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1962	.....	1294
Animals examined at time of slaughter		1294
Inspections of meat shops	.....	40
Inspections of places where food other than meat is sold	.....	290

The results of examinations are shown in the following table:-

	Pigs	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs
Number killed (if known)	143	189	-	12	950
Number inspected	143	189	-	12	950
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	3	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	-	1.6	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-

H O U S I N G

1. New Houses

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	159
Applications received during the year	76
Programme of new council houses:	
Erected during the year	16
Under construction at end of year	4
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	33
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	68
Total number of post-war houses completed by	
a) Local Authority	450
b) Private enterprise	187

2. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year

a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	138
Number of inspections made for the purpose	394
b) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	11

3. Repairs

Houses rendered fit after informal action	46
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4. Housing Act, 1957

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Persons displaced.</u>
Houses closed in pursuance of an Undertaking	7	2
Houses demolished	4	2

5. Housing Act, 1949

Applications for improvement grants are accepted and dealt with on merit.

16 applications were received in 1962. 15 of these were approved at 50% of the approved cost of works. One application was refused.

6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

24 owner/occupiers applied for Standard Grants. A further 9 owners of rented property were similarly accommodated.

